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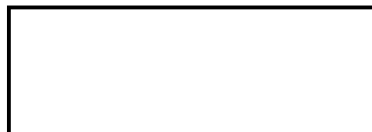
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Tuesday - 16 October 1962

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1. [] Received a telephone call from [] who has been in touch with us on a number of occasions concerning a group of Cubans in Lakeland who are anxious to do something to relieve the situation in their homeland. [] said he had completed a personal resume that our last representative had requested, but when mailed, was returned with the notation that the individual was no longer at that address. [] said his only question is whether we can indicate to him that the action proposed by this group should not be contrary to U.S. policy and the U.S. plan of action in Cuba. Contrary to reports received from JMWAVE, Peterson indicated that our representative had left him with the impression that we would be in touch with him again.

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[] asked if I thought it would do any good for him to contact Senator Smathers to obtain his opinion on this subject, adding that Smathers would not be involved in any red tape on the subject (inferring that maybe we were). I told [] that I could see no objection to his discussing this with the Senator if he wished. I did remind [] that there were many groups like the one in Lakeland anxious "to do something" but that we had problems too and were not in a position to approve or disapprove of any specific private proposal of this sort. [] closed the conversation by saying he would be happy to receive from us a mere "we don't care" response, however our previous indication was that he should not support or assist this group.


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2. [] Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called again concerning Communist Youth Festivals. (See Journal of 11 September 1962.) Mandel made several specific requests. Mr. [] of CA Staff is checking on this.






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Monday - 22 October 1962

1.  In accordance with General Carter's request, I attempted to reach Senator Saltonstall but he was unavailable and apparently was going directly to the White House when he arrived in Washington. (Subsequently, on 23 October 1962, Saltonstall did telephone and I explained General Carter had simply wished to make clear the chronology of events and that information which was furnished at the White House briefing was not available at the time General Carter briefed him on 12 October. Saltonstall stated that Mr. McCone's briefing was completely clear on the chronology and he had related the timing involved. He completely understood our position.)

2.  Met with Senator Stennis at General Carter's request and pointed out to him the specific chronology of events and when the information had been secured and was available. When General Carter briefed him on 15 October the key information had not been received. Senator Stennis understood completely the timing involved. He asked a few questions on the current status in Cuba including some of the figures involved. I brought him up to date based on Intelligence Memorandum entitled "Evaluation of Offensive Threat in Cuba" which is dated 21 October 1962 and classified TOP SECRET. The Senator was very grateful for the Agency thinking of him and giving him the information.

3.  Discussed with Mrs. Edmond, in the office of Senator Dirksen, a letter, transmitted today from Security, from  dated 23 September 1962. Mrs. Edmond thanked us for advising the Senator's office of the fact of the letter and that we were including the individual on a correspondence "crank" list. Mrs. Edmond returned the letter to us.

